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#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The decision of the court of appeals declaring unconstitutional all special assessments for public improvements will force a change of plans in every city in the State.

Until the text of the decision has been received it will be impossible to learn the reasons why the court has reversed a position which it had pre-viously occupied. The underlying equities favor a certain percentage of special assessment against abutting property owners for plain reasons. While the whole city is benefitted by a well paved street, the owners of abut ting property are especially benefitted and frequently the value added to their property by the improvement is several times the cost of the improvement.

In this respect paving and sewerage improvements differ essentially from other classes and should be treated separately. If the constitution really forbids special assessments, the way is opened for a general discussion of the whole scheme of taxation. The tax system of Virginia is antiquated and needs radical reform. Features are preserved which other progressive States have long since abandoned. These in particular are an unwieldy license system, the inquisitorial tax on personal property, the income tax, and the tax on purchases of merchants. The general fault of unequal and grossly unjust realty assessments also need vigorous reform.

So far as the local situation is concerned Roanoke has always found a way to go ahead and it w'll continue to do so. THE TIMES believes that if no other way presents itself public tentiment will bring abutting property owners together to voluntarily offer to a certain share of the costs of public improvements, realizing that their benofit will doubly repay the outlay.

"One Hour in Jail " From the Richmond Disputch

The murderous assault made by train robbers two nights ago upon the passengers in the F. F. V. train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad not far from Huntington will convince a good many persons that lynch law is not always unjustifiable. A more daring crime was, perhaps, never committed. And yet this "daring" was apparently a device of cowards too base to give the travelers on the train. device of cowards too base to give the travelers on the train an equal chance for their lives. These cowards, loaded down with pistols, fired right and left. The bold Kock sacrificed his life upon the altar of duty. He well deserves a high place in the estimation of good men everywhere for his firm determination not to allow such dastards as he had encountered to profit by their cowardly cruelty.

ardly cruelty.

If there ever was a case in which Judge Lynch was justifiably called upon to open his court and pronounce sentence of death, this is one. We have never countenanced lynch law, and we do not demand the unlawful execution of the criminals concerned in this unspeakable outrage, be their number large or small; but we do say that if there is any danger that the miscreants will otherwise search. will otherwise escape punishment al-tog ther, either by being released from jail by their unknown confederates, or in any other way, then the West Vir

ginians "Will know the reason why."

Blain s's Co idition.

Washington, Dec. 15.-James G. Blaine, Jr., said to-night that the ex-Secretary was resting comfortably and if there was any change in his condition it was for the hatter Young Blaine said that as soon as his fatter's condition permitted, the family would leave Washington. It is not yet decided where they will go.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

"Mrs. O'Brien, Esquire,"

was given at the Academy last night to a small audience. It was one of the best farce comedies which has been presented in Roanoke in a long time, the soubrette parts being especially well done. The eccentric dance of Messrs. Marian and Post was a leading feature. Blanch Siegrist caught the audience with her clover French song and her musical advances to the unfortunate gentleman who played the big bull flid-dle. The play is largely a rehash of "Fun on the Bristol," but is very cleverly done and the topical features are brought up to date.

Our playgoers are showing an unsual amount of interest in the visit of that clever comedian, R. E. Grabam, to the Academy of Music to-night. It is with pleasure we await his first appearance here in his new musical comedy, "Larry, the Lord," which he has already made as successful as his former venture. Much credit is also due to H. Greenwall, who is directing the tour, and who has surrounded Mr. Graham with an exceptionally strong company, each character being in the hands of capable people. Many of the company are well known to our readers, among them Will Mandeville, C. E. Graham, Sydney Price, Mamie Carbi, Dickie Martinez Livzio Mandeville, C. E. Graham, Sydney Price, Mamie Cerbi, Dickie Martinez, Lizzie Hight and twenty others equally as capable, if not as popular. The company is further brightened by the introduction of Miss Edith Craske, a premiere danseuse, who has completely captivated her audiences by her remarkable dancing. This is only one of the numerous features: there are many in store for our theatergoers. Last sea-Last store for our theatergoers. store for our theatergoers. Last sea-son, when "The Little Tycoon" was presented here, our playgoers wore greatly disappointed at the non-appear-ance of Mr. Graham, he being too ill to sing. He will positively appear this

The Schumann Lady Quartette.

A charming concert was given in Weter Hall last evening by the Schumann Lady Quartette. The voices of mann Lady Quartette. The voices of the four ladies are wonderfully harmonious, and they sang together with such perfect expression. "The Swedish Wedding March." "By lo-land." "Sweet and Low," and "We Parted by the River Side," the Quartette gave with excellent effect, and the good-night song. "Ye Spotted Snakes," by McFarren, was perhaps best of all.—Chicago Tribune. This quartette will appear at the Academy of Music to-morrow night.

KITCHEN CUTLERY. Good Material Is Always Cheaper Than Poor.

Not one person in a thousand under stands how to select a good steel kitchen knife. It is false economy to provide a kitchenmaid with cheap, inferior tools. She will appreciate your consideration, if she is the right kind of a girl, if she is provided with suitable tools to do her work with, and will equally appreciate your niggardness or ignorance if she is provided with iron bread knives and potato knives that act as saws. The difference in cost between good tools of this kind and inferior ones is not very great. The method of testing them is simple. A good steel knife is clastic and bends readily and easily when the point is pressed on the table. A good English bread knife will cost about 75 cents and upward, French knives \$1.25 and upward. It is always wise to buy these knives of an experienced cutler, who is thoroughly trustworthy. The knives of the most distinguished maker of kitchen cutlery have been imitated even so far as the name; so unless you are a judge of a good knife yourself, it is better to depend on a trustworthy dealer. It is hardly necessary to add that such valuable knives should be kept away from the fire or their temper will be lost, and they will be of an more value than an iron knife. This should be explained to the servant, and every kitchen should be provided with at least two cheap iron knives to use around the stove. A scraping knife good enough for the purpose will cost about 20 cents and is a convenient article to use about the stove. It is a short knife with a head functional backet blade. cents and upward, French knives \$1.23 cle to use about the stove. It is a short knife with a broad, fan-shaped blade, with a keen edge that answers the pur-pose of scraping pots and pans admira-bly.—N. Y. Tribune.

### WOMEN OF THE WORLD.

THE queen of Portugal makes her own bonnet

MISS NORA HOUSER has been chosen

as model for the silver statue of her native state, Montana. LADY SOMERSET declares that Eng-

lish women take more interest in polities than American women. MISS MINNIE WESTON, a spirited girl

of twenty, is a mail carrier in Oregon, and traverses a dangerous route four and five times a week.

MISS KATE MARSDEN, who is much interested in the establishment of leper colonies in Liberia, is coming to this country to lecture and raise funds to enable her to carry out her benevolent



Mr. L. B. Hamlen,

Of Augusta, Me., says: "I do not remember when I began to take Hood's Sarsapariita; it was several years ago, and I have found it does me a great deal of good in my declining years.

I am 91 Years

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### Hood's Sarsaparilla

regulates my bowels, stimulates my appetite, and helps me to sleep well. I doubt if a preparation ever was made so well suited to the wants of old people. J. B. HAMLEN, Elm Street, Augusta, Me., Sept. 26, 1891.

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FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

THERE are seven Hebrew members in the British house of commons.

Oct of a total population of 17,125,-000 in Spain, as computed by a recent census, only 12,000,000 can read or write.

Ax average of three British seamen lose their lives every day by drowning, and three hundred British steamers and sailing vessels are lost at sea yearly.

Ar Dundenong, Australia, there is a blue gum tree which has an estimated height of four hundred and fifty feet. It is believed to be the tallest tree in

Tue lord lieutenant of Ireland has a salary of \$100,000 per annum, but the expenses of the position are so high as to make a big private fortune a necessity to the appointee.

STREET car conductors receive only sixty-two and one-half cents for a day's wages in the city of Berlin. The day is eighteen hours long, with a half holiday once in two weeks.

The secret police of Paris is distinct from the regular force. The members, as a rule, are unknown to each other and often a second detective is sent to watch the first employed upon an im portant case.

It is comparatively only of late that English flower-making has rivaled the French manufacture. It was introduced into England during the French revolution of 1700 by refugees, who employed the art as a means of subsist-

#### MEN WE TALK ABOUT.

COL. JOSEPH M. BENNETT has given \$39,000 to the endowment fund of the Methodist orphan asylum of Philadel phia.

Mr. JUSTICE SHIRAS' silk gown is a dazzler. It is made of twenty-one yards of the richest and most expensive silk and was the gift of his fellow-towns men of Pittsburgh.
CHIEF JUSTICE PETERS, of Maine, has

just completed the seventieth year of his age, and reports himself in excellent physical condition. He expects to "keep going" for some years yet.

Joun Homy once said that the pleas antest time in his life was when he paid three dollars a week board out of four dollars a week salary and tried to save a few cents out of the small mar gin every week.

Ex-Gov. MERRIWEATHER, of Kentucky, has attained the age of ninety-three. Besides serving the Blue Grass state as its chief magnetrate, he was also United States senator, succeeding Henry Clay in that office.

REV. DR. DAVID GREER, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal church, New York, having a sufficient private income for his own needs, turns over his entire salary for the relief of the poor, and, as his salary is fifteen thousand collars a year, the relief is a substantial one.

#### A SPRINKLE OF SPICE.

It's hard to say what the politics of the man in the moon is. Sometimes the moon is wet and sometimes it's dry. Then, again, it is periodically full.—N. Y. World.

"WARD is engaged to Mamie Eccles." 'Why, he has only known her a week.' "True. But he invited her to go to the theater last evening, and she didn't keep him waiting."—Life.

AT SOUTHSEA. - She - "Oh! James, how grand the sea is! How wonderful! I do so like to hear the roar of the ocean." He—"So do I, Elizabeth; please keep quiet."—Modern Society.

"Is CHUMPTON deaf and dumb?" "Not a bit of it. But he made a promise to his dying grandfather to always think twice before he spoke once. He hasn't been able to think even once yet."-Indianapolis Journal.

O'Brown-"They tell me Ziggsby once saved his mother-in-law from drowning?" Kerzogg-"Yes, it was a noble act; and if he ever gets into any serious trouble it will be a great help to him."
O'Brown—"How so?" Kerzogg—"Why, O'Brown—"How so?" Kerzogg—"Why, he can plead insanity." — Brooklyn

### THE WORLD'S ODD CORNERS.

ALLIGATOR eggs are caten as a delicay by the people of the West Indies.
Hindoostan is about twenty-five times as large as the state of New

New Guinea is extremely rich in plants, the number of species discovered in the sixty-five years since Lesson brought home the first collection being two thousand, or as many as are known from the whole of Germany.

Frank G. Carpenter, the Russian traveler, says that Russian peasant women work from four o'clock in the morning to seven or eight o'clock in the evening, and that for these long hours fifteen cents a day is big wages.

THE hill near Jerusalem where the crucifixion of Jesus occurred is formed of limestone. The shores of the Dead sea are lined with pumice stones show-ered out of some volcano that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, which cities finally sank beneath the waters of the

### PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL

CHRIS SCHILLING, of St. Louis, has made his record by eating a gallon of oysters in one hour on a bet of 75 cents.

A LEADING Philadelphia society lady has hair sixty-three inches in length. She is only sixty-one inches (5 feet 1

JOHN C. TURNPENNY, of Philadelphia, left an estate which is inventoried at \$173,000. And yet people will continue to get off that trite quotation: "What's

THE largest sum ever paid for a St. Bernard dog was that given by Mr. Emmett, an actor, who paid \$5,000 for the largest St. Bernard in the world. The dog's name was Plinlimmon.

A NOTABLE theatrical troupe has made its debut in Christiania. It comprises two barons, a baroness and her two daughters, a countess and a Belgian noble. One of the barons exhibits trained dogs, the other acts as a negro clown, the baroness sings, her daughters play on the harp.

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Gradually Coming Around. From the Evening World.

The Roanoke World says that the Machine Works will not be enlarged to the extent that was reported, that the force of bards will not be doubled, and that the \$4,000,000 loan is a myth. So

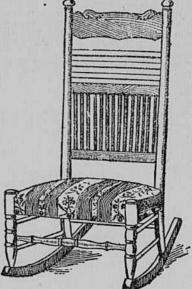
that the \$4,000,000 loan is a myth. So much for "progressive journalism."— Lynchburg News.

Our neighbor, the News, does us a slight but unintentional injustice. The World has printed the statements of Forfolk and Western officials. Mr. Sands has not denice that the \$4,000,000 loan has been secured, and the World has never said that it was a myth. We take this opportunity to say, however, that we have reason to believe that the big loan has been arranged for, thous. that we have reason to believe that the big loan has been arranged for, though we do not speak authoritatively. The News can tell its readers, too, this great improvements will be made a the shops and that while the force may not be doubled it will resufficiently in creased for the good off of the be felt in every line of business in the city.

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